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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BASSON ET AL.

Examiner

M. Lee

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. In view of the Appeal Brief filed on 11/22/05, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. A new ground of rejection is set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) request reinstatement of the appeal.

If reinstatement of the appeal is requested, such request must be accompanied by a supplemental appeal brief, but no new amendments, affidavits (37 CFR 1.130, 1.131 or 1.132) or other evidence are permitted. See 37 CFR 1.193(b)(2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Beadles et al. (6,005,536).

Regarding claim 1, Beadles shows a step of obtaining (824), a step of autonomously processing (825), and a step of providing (826).

Regarding claims 2 and 3, Beadles states that the portable captioning display device is used for displaying captions to a viewer in an audiovisual presentation such as a in movie or television program (see col. 5, lines 22-26, 39-42).

Regarding claim 4, see col. 5, lines 39-42.

Regarding claims 5-8, the closed caption data in Beadles is obtained from a transcription service (see col. 5, lines col. 5, lines 11-14, and lines 22-42).

Regarding claims 9 and 10, see col. 5, lines 30-31.

Regarding claim 11, see col. 5, line 41.

Regarding claim 12, Beadles states that the captions are obtained from television programs (see col. 5, lines 11-14, and lines 34-42). Although Beadles does not explicitly states a television set for presenting the television images, the television program presenting step 827 clearly meets the television set as claimed because a monitor is needed to present a televised image (note col. 5, lines 24-26, and col. 1, lines 19-25). Beadles further states that the television captioning data is transmitted from television program presenting step to a portable receiver (see col. 5, lines 43-46).

Regarding claim 13, see Figure 1A.

Regarding claim 14, see col. 5, lines 43-46.

Regarding claims 15-28, see corresponding rejections to claim 1-14 as set forth above. The receiver/decoder 824 in Beadles inherently includes at least one processor for processing the received caption data.

Regarding claim 29, see modem as recited in col. 5, line 45.

Regarding claim 30, see col. 3, lines 57-59.

Regarding claim 31, the automatic speech recognition system 820, coupled with the receiver/decoder 824, inherently includes the microphone as claimed.

Regarding claims 32-48, see corresponding rejections to claims 15-28 as set forth above. In addition, Beadles further shows a closed caption service system (820, 827, 821, 822, 823). The system inherently includes at least one processor.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Lee whose telephone number 571-272-7349. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller, can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8000.

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